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VII. Records

§ 250. Amendment of court records—Proceedings

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Court records may be amended sua sponte, or on the application of a party or any other interested person, and a basis for the amendment must be shown.

A court may correct clerical errors in its records on its own motion or upon an application by the parties¹ or any interested person.²

It is usually necessary that a basis for an amendment be shown by a written memorandum,³ but an application without some documentation is permissible where the amendment corrects some omission in the record and does not impeach or contradict the record's contents.⁴ Such an amendment may be supported by affidavits⁵ or the judge's recollection.⁶

An amendment to court records relates back to the time when the proceedings were conducted.⁷

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Footnotes

- 1 Cal.—*People v. Mitchell*, 26 Cal. 4th 181, 109 Cal. Rptr. 2d 303, 26 P.3d 1040 (2001).
- 2 N.C.—*State v. Dixon*, 139 N.C. App. 332, 533 S.E.2d 297 (2000).
- 3 Ill.—*Frank v. Village of Barrington Hills*, 106 Ill. App. 3d 747, 62 Ill. Dec. 526, 436 N.E.2d 276 (2d Dist. 1982).
- 4 Ill.—*Paschen Contractors, Inc. v. Illinois State Toll Highway Authority*, 225 Ill. App. 3d 930, 168 Ill. Dec. 902, 590 N.E.2d 539 (2d Dist. 1992).
- 5 Ill.—*Frank v. Village of Barrington Hills*, 106 Ill. App. 3d 747, 62 Ill. Dec. 526, 436 N.E.2d 276 (2d Dist. 1982).
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Okla.—*Ex parte Baker*, 1930 OK 302, 144 Okla. 52, 289 P. 253 (1930).

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